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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Hoerner, et al.

Group Art Unit: 3634

Serial No. 09/249,916

Examiner: Lev, B.

Filed: February 12, 1999

For: Coupling Mechanism and Panel for
Sectional Door

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION AND AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed 26 July 00 in the above-identified case, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks which, it is believed, place the application in condition for allowance. It should be noted that a petition and fee for a 3 month extension of time up to and including 26 January 01 is also enclosed.

In the Claims:

17. A panel for a sectional door, comprising in combination:

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a frame defining at least one central area; the frame including a horizontal member adapted to be coupled to a hinge member for hingedly connecting the panel to another sectional door panel; and